



Canada Day Race

July 1st, 2020

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- 1.3 All aspects of the current RNSYS Constitution and Bylaws shall apply.
- 1.4 Boats shall be in compliance with their Sail Nova Scotia PHRF certificate.
- 1.5 **Participants shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Organization Authority, Dominion of Canada, Nova Scotia and Public Health concerning matters of health and safety and specifically as they relate to COVID-19 or such other communicable disease or contagion.**

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted online on the RNSYS website. The documents shall be located under *Race Documents* <<https://www.rnsys.com/sailing/race-documents.html>>.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 1200hrs on the day they will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the race hut on the end of the club breakwater (Fort McGowen).

5 SCHEDULE

The expected time of the warning signal for the first start is 1230hr.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 Races shall be run in Halifax Harbour. The Sail Nova Scotia Course Card shows the racing area and is available online <<http://rnsys.com/sailing/race-documents>>.
- 6.2 The start and finish line will be at the club breakwater.

7 THE COURSE

The course shall be emailed to all competitors on the morning of July 1st and shall consist of marks taken from the Sail Nova Scotia Course Card.

8 MARKS

8.1 The Sail Nova Scotia Course Card shows the marks to be used except that the following changes are to be made:

Mark 82	Yellow inflatable
Mark 84	Orange inflatable

8.2 The following navigational buoys shall be passed on their proper side, unless they are marks of the course:

Hens and Chickens	HQ2		
Purcell's Cove	HQ1	Ives Knoll North	HT2
Point Pleasant	H19	Ives Knoll West	H22

8.3 Yachts shall visually identify all marks of the course.

9 THE START

9.1 The race shall have a Bermuda (Pursuit) start. Boats shall start at a time determined by their handicap. A list of boats, their handicaps and start times shall be emailed to competitors after close of registration.

9.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag at the race hut (Fort McGowen) on the end of the club breakwater and a yellow start mark on the opposite side of the Northwest Arm.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee vessel signaling the change shall indicate the new course using a list of the new marks and the sides on which they are to be left. This changes Rule 33.

11 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag at the race hut (Fort McGowen) on the end of the club breakwater and a yellow finish mark on the opposite side of the Northwest Arm.

12 INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING

12.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the orderly passage of a naval or commercial ship.

12.2 Any yacht breaching SI 12.1 will be subject to protest by the Race Committee and may be denied entry to subsequent events.

12.3 Serious or continued breaches of SI 12.1 may be investigated by the Organizing Authority and/or Sail Nova Scotia to determine if further action is appropriate and what such action may be.

12.4 All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 12, Halifax Traffic Control, while in Halifax harbour.

12.5 Engines may be used in an emergency. Details are to be reported to the Race Committee and requests for redress under Rule 62 may be made.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for all boats is 4 hours.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within this time will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35 and A4.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available online on the RNSYS website under *Race Documents* <<https://www.rnsys.com/sailing/race-documents.html>>. Protests shall be emailed to the Race Director <racedirector@rnsys.com> within the protest time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.

14.3 Protest hearings will be scheduled as soon as possible following the race.

15 SCORING

The race shall be scored Time on Distance. The distance will included with the start times.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. Mobile telephones shall not be used to obtain information relevant to the race that is not available to all boats.

16.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 72 as their main working channel.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Results will be posted online and announced on Facebook as soon as possible after the last boat has finished.

17.2 Prizes for the event consist of the delight of sailing in the harbor and the feeling of accomplishment for doing well.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, the owner, person in charge and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 4 "Decision to Race"; that the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors, or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron vessels, or from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

18.2 (COVID-19) The COVID-19 disease has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and is extremely contagious. The Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron cannot guarantee that the owner, person in charge and each crew member will not become infected with COVID-19. By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, the owner, person in charge and each crew member agree that they may be exposed to, or infected by, COVID-19 and such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.

19 INSURANCE

Participating yachts shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the RNSYS Race Director at racedirector@rnsys.com or (902) 477-5653 ext.109 or the Vice Commodore of Sailing at vc sailing@rnsys.com.